

## **Nashville Army Headquarters, January 6, 1812, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **GENERAL ORDERS.1**

1 Copy.

Headquarters, Nashville, January 6, 1812 [1813.]2

2 The date in Jackson's copy is erroneously given as Jan. 6, 1812.

The payment of the infantry being nearly compleat, the Major General feels gratified, to have it in his power, to order the Infantry to strike their tents, and commence their march to their place of Destination agreeable to the orders of his Excellency Governor Blount.3

3 The expedition was organized as a brigade. It contained the 1st Regiment of Infantry under Colonel William Hall, the 2d Regiment of infantry under Col. Thomas H. Benton, and a regiment of cavalry under Col. John Coffee. In Jackson's General Order, Dec. 13, 1812, Letter-Book B, is a list of the officers from captains up.

The Infantry will strike their tents on Tomorrow at twelve oclock, taking on board the Baggage of such companies of Infantry as is not accomodated with Boats, and drop down the river to Robertsons landing where they will encamp on the night of the 7th instant. Captains Newland Renshaw and McFerrin who remains unpaid, will march into Nashville at ten oclock tomorrow A. M receive their pay and Join their regiments on tomorrow night, at their encampments at Robertson landing, at which place the second regiment will receive three additional Boats, which will be delivered by their colo. to three of his companies and such provisions as the contractor has there stored. on the Eight the

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Infantry with these additional Boats, will all embark and fall down to the mouth of harpith,<sup>4</sup> where a compleat supply of Boats will be recd, and a quantity of provisions, at which place the Infantry will encamp untill the major General arives, in the mean time care and industry will be used to have the provision all on board, and ready to sail as soon as the major General arives, too great care cannot be taken of the boats least some of them may sink—guards will therefore be kept up all night to prevent accident.

4 Harpeth River, 40 miles below Nashville.

The captains of the second Regiment, will furnish the contractor with compleat returns of their respective companies where this has not been done that the contractor may furnish, and forward not only the substantial but the fractional parts of the ration.